GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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HOUR ORIYA CHANNEL
PRABHAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to telecast 24-hour Oriya Programmes on national channels of Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it would be through terrestrial channel; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in that regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b): Prasar Bharati have intimated that modalities are being worked out to launch a 24 hour Oriya Programmes Channel on Regional Language Satellite Service (RLSS) from DDK, Bhubaneshwar.

(c): The proposed Channel will be in the satellite mode.

(d): Does not arise.